MPSC Case No. U-17682 Joint Applicants' Response to The Mines' First Set of Discovery Requests

REQUEST NO. TM-JA-10:

Please identify and describe the plans for expanding the scope of centralized business services for the combined company.

RESPONSE:

No specific plans currently exist for expanding the scope of centralized business services for the combined company. Mr. Reed notes at page 36, lines 7-15, that the development and execution of merger integration plans is a lengthy process which requires the evaluation of potential merger synergies/efficiencies as well as the costs required to achieve such benefits (i.e. transition costs). Mr. Reed further notes that WEC has not yet commenced this merger integration process. As a result, neither WEC nor Mr. Reed has developed a plan for expanding the scope of centralized services.

Answered by: John J. Reed Dated: September 12, 2014